

Gwinnett Composite Squadron Mission Packet



Saturday, March 07, 2009

Heavy rains have flooded much of the north Georgia area. Rapid water flows and overflowing rivers are being reported in the Counties of Gwinnett, Hall, Walton and Monroe. Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has asked Civil Air Patrol to provide reconnaissance flights over much of the local infrastructure; to include all rivers, bridges, dams, radio towers and detention facilities. The extent of the damage is unknown. Other tasking may present itself later in the day or during your flight.

Bridge, Buford Highway

Target Description

Bridge over the Chattahoochee River not far from Lake Lanier Dam. The road is Buford Highway / Cumming Highway

Location							
Latitude	Longitude	VOR	Frequency	Radial	DME		

34°7'34.51"N 84°5'35.86"W

Mission Description

The aircrew will provide the following information.

- 1. Describe the height of the water in relationship to the tree line or what would appear to be a normal riverbank. Is it overflowing?
- 2. Estimate the water distance to the bridges bottom
- 3. Maneuver the aircraft so a close examination can be made of the piers supporting the bridge. Count them and be sure to look for any debris that may damage them.
- 4. Examine the roadbeds attachment to the bridge for erosion or any movement that may interfere with the bridges connection to road.
- 5. Examine the road within one (1) mile on each side of the bridge for any debris or damages that will prevent access to the bridge.
- 6. Fly approximately one (1) mile upstream and look for any damaging debris that may eventually damage the bridge.
- 7. Photographs of the bridge, its structure, and the surrounding area will be needed.

Crew Duties

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Mission Pilot: Fly the mission as planned. Maneuver the aircraft so the Scanner will have sufficient opportunity to evaluate the target area. Once the mission attached to this target has been accomplished, the pilot will either fly direct to the next target, or return to base. If returning to base, the pilot will maintain the lowest possible search altitude as outlined in CAPR-60-1; all navigation equipment will be shut down before committing to a base heading.

Observer: Will assist both the Pilot and Observer, and be responsible for monitoring and making any mandatory FM/CAP Radio calls. Be prepared to report all findings and the estimated condition of the target to Mission Base while airborne.

Bridge, McGinnis Ferry Road

Target Description

Bridge over the Chattahoochee River. The road is McGinnis Ferry Road

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Latitude	Longitude	VOR	Frequency	Radial	DME	

34°3'2.12"N 84°5'51.48"W

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The aircrew will provide the following information.

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Bridge, Railroad, Flowery Branch Georgia

Target Description

A railroad bridge a few miles southwest of Flowery Branch Georgia

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34°10'46.13"N 83°56'0.99"W

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Bridge, Settles Bridge Recreation Area

Target Description

This is the abandoned bridge over the Chattahoochee Rive at Settles Bridge Recreation Area

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34° 5'54.25"N 84° 6'35.90"W

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